

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1 (Previously presented). A papermaking felt comprising a ground fabric layer composed of a woven fabric, and a fibrous web placed on at least one side of the ground fabric layer, the ground fabric layer and fibrous web being integrally intertwined by needling, and the ground fabric layer having a warp and weft, one of which comprises winding yarns, wherein at least part of the yarns of the other of said warp and weft of the ground fabric layer consists of yarns which are less flexible than the winding yarns which they cross and therefore relatively straight compared to said winding yarns which they cross.

2 (Previously presented). A papermaking felt comprising a ground fabric layer comprising a woven fabric, and a fibrous web placed on at least one side of the ground fabric layer, the ground fabric layer and fibrous web being integrally intertwined by needling, and the ground fabric layer having a warp and weft, wherein the ground fabric layer includes additional straight yarns inserted along the warp and weft of said woven fabric.

3 (Previously presented). A papermaking felt according to claim 2, in which said additional straight yarns are evenly distributed along said warp and weft.

4 (Previously presented). A papermaking felt according to claim 2, in which the number of said additional straight yarns is at least 40% of the number of yarns in the warp and weft of said woven fabric.